Bow Shooting Safety

When preparing to shoot at the shooting line:

a. Check up and down the range to count how many others are shooting. Make sure the same number have returned or check with the distance shooters. If they have begun shooting, its safe for you to shoot.
b. Do not shoot if anyone is down range.
c. Step up to the shooting line and straddle the line; One foot on either side of the line while loading and shooting.
d. Never "dry-fire" - drawing and releasing the string without a nocked arrow (damage to the bow)
e. Keep bow pointed down range at all times.

Clothing Attire

a. Closed toe shoes (prevent foot injury)
b. No loose clothing, dangling earrings, necklaces or long hair (all can get caught in the string)
c. Arm guard (prevent pain)
d. Wrist or finger sling (prevent shooting or dropping the bow)

Pulling arrows

a. Only walk down range when safe to do so.
b. Do not walk straight up to the arrows. Come in from the side.
c. Make sure no one is standing behind you (prevents pain).
d. Use 2 hands – one on the target and one on the arrow close to the target
e. Place the arrows in a quiver or carry them back horizontally (prevents injury from falling/tripping)

Range Etiquette

1. Shoot 5-6 arrows max. Check in with others to see if they are waiting. If so, stop and step away from the line.
2. No "excessive" arrow search. Look later, others will help you find your arrows.
3. Do not place one target on top of the other (ruins 2 at the same time, conserve)
4. Be QUIET! Take conversations of any kind away from the shooting line.
5. Return any moved target back to where it belongs (not always where you found it)
    1. Paradise range – Target home distance is posted in the lane on the post
    2. Dudley range – All targets are to be put back to 10 yards.
6. If you are shooting next to someone at full draw, remain still until they have completed their shot.
7. If scoring, do it quickly and return to the line.

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